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Mr. Andrew Slicer was appointed messenger, and Mr. Sa-muel Peace, Doorkeeper, who were severally qualified as such.

The Reverend Mr. Blanchard, was appointed Chaplain.

On motion, ordered, that Messrs. Herbert and Spence wait on the Reverend Mr. Blanchard, and request his attendance in the senate chamber, every morning during the session, to perform divine service:

Mr. Kennedy offered the following message which was read, and assented to.

By the Senate, January 1st, 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have formed a quorum and are ready to proceed with the business of the session.

We have chosen the honorable William H. Marriott President, and William Kilty Esquire chief clerk, and propose to sit for the despatch of public business from 10 o'clock in the morning-until 3 o'clock in the afterneon.

By Order, Wm. Kilty, clerk

Mr. Heath presented the memorial of William Patterson and others, praying a return of the money paid by them to the State of Maryland, under an act regulating the duties on licenses passed at December session, 1821, which act has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States, which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

On motion, ordered, that the rules and regulations established by the senate for their government, at December session 1826, be in force until otherwise ordered, and that twenty copies of them be printed for the use of the senate.

On motion, ordered, that the subject of the rules for the government of the senate be referred to a committee to consist of three members. The President named Messrs. Nelson, Kennedy and Forrest to constitute the said Committee.

Mr. Heath presented the memorial of John Tolly Workthington and others of Baltimore county, relative to an act of assembly passed at December session 1815, authorising a Lottery for the ercction of a Church in Baltimore county which was read and referred to the house of delegates.

On motion, Ordered, that the following standing committees be appointed by the President, viz.

A committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims to consist of three members.

A committee on bills relating to out pensioners to consist of three members.

A committee on ways and means, to consist of five members.